Councillor OSHIMA

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Minutes of the Investigation Committee Concerning the Conclusion of the Pact of Alliance Petween Japan and Purma, including three other subjects.

Convened in the East No. 3 Room of the Imperial Palace on 29 July 1943 (Thursday).

Those Present:

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Chairman of the Investigation Committee: Vice-Fresident SUZUKI Committee Members:

Councillor ISHII

Councillor ARIMA

Councillor KUPCTA

Councillor SHIMIZU

Comcillor MINAMI

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Councillor USHIC

Councillor HAYASFI

Councillor FUKAI

Councillor FUTAKAMI

Councillor MANO

Absentees:

Committee Members: Councillor MITSUCHI

State Ministers:

TOJO - Frime Minister, concurrently War Minister.

SFIMADA - Navy Minister.

ANDO - Fema Minister.

ACKI - Minister of Greater Fast Asia.

SPICOMITSU - Foreign Minister

Exponents:

MCRIYAMA - Director of the Bureau of Legislation.

SATO (MOTOR) - Councillor of the Bureau of Legislation. SATO (TATSUO) - Councillor of the Fureau of Legislation.

MIYAUCHI - Councillor of the Pureau of the Legislation.

KAMIMUPA - Director of the Bureau of Folitical Affairs, Foreign Ministry

ANIO - Director of the Treaty Bureau, Foreign Ministry.

SONE - Secretary, Foreign Ministry.

MATSUDAIRA - Secretary, Foreign Ministry.

SUYAMA - Junior Secretary, Foreign Ministry.

FUJISAKI - Junior Secretary, Foreign Ministry.

KAPASAWA - Vice-Minister of Mome Affairs.

ATAI - Chief of the Ional Affairs Pureau, Fome Ministry.

IRIE - Gecretary, Fome Ministry. NAKAJIMA - Secretary, Home Ministry. FAPAGUCHI - Chief of the Foreign Capital Purcau, Libance Ministry. SATO - Chief of the Military Affairs Dureau, War Ministry. TAKAHASHI - Chief of Military Affairs Section, Military Affairs Bureau, War Ministry. OKA - Chief of the Fureau of Naval Affairs, Navy Ministry. YAMAMOTO - Vice-Minister of Greater East Asia. TAKEUCHI - Chief of the General Affairs Bureau, Greater East Asia Ministr MIZUNC - Chief of the Southern Affairs Purcau, Greater East Asia Ministry USAMI - Chief of the Chine Pureau, Greater East Asia Ministry. FACIWARA - Secretary, Greater East Asia Ministry. YAMADA - Secretary, Creater East Asia Ministry. SOMOWAKI - Investigator, Greater Past Asia Ministry. NEMICHI - Secretary, Greater East Asia Ministry. AKINOTO - Secretary, Creater East Asia Ministry. SFIMA - Secretary, Greater East Asia Ministry. KATSUNC - Consul FUKUDA - Junior Secretary, Greater East Asia Ministry. YOSHIDA - Junior Secretary, Greater East Asia Ministry. HOPIE - Chief Secretary. MOROHASHI - Secretary. TAKATSUJI - Secretary.

(The Session opened at 9 a.m.)

Chairman SUZUKI declared the session open. Pefore entering upon the investigation, there were explanations by Iremier "CJO in connection with the details of the request for deliberation by the Irivy Council' submitted to the Emperor participant to various phases of this draft, by Foreign Minister SUICEMITSU in connection with international relations revolving ground the change of government in Italy, and by the Minister of Crister Fast Asia, ACKI, in connection with the Chinese problem, particularly as regards Chinese food and price problems.

Then the Chairman placed on the agende the cuestion of the cenclusion' of the Fact of Alliance between Japan and Turme and two other cuestions, A general explanation was given by both Foreign Minister SMIGNITSU and the Minister for Creater East Asia, ACKI.

Councillor ISVII asked who would sign the Javan-Rusma Fact of Alliance. Foreign Minister FICE/ITSU replied that when Purma pre-claims for independence on August let, the Empire will recognize this, and open formal repotiations for the conclusion of this lact; the Irima Minister of Lurma, PA-MAM, and the Imperial Amhascador, SATADA, are to sign it. Then there was an explanation by Fr mior TCJO in connection with the structure of Burma's independence.

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Committee-member KUPCTA asked whether or not Faragraph 3 of the Japan -Burma Fact of Alliance which concerns items to be discussed and determined by the Efficials of both countries, was too comprehensive. Fromier TOJO and the Director of the Treaty Pursu of the Foreign Ministry, ANTO, replied that the item mentioned above concerned the minor details of the said pact, that according to present expectations it was restricted to an operational agreement, and that proper procedure would have to be followed should there arise anything not covered by the minor details.

Committee-member SHIMIZU inquired about the present condition of the Purmese territory and nation, and of the Purmese defense army, which was explained by the Minister of Greater East Asia, ACKI, and Prime Minister TOJO. The same committee-member questioned further about the relief steps of the Chinese Government prescribed in Art. 3 of the Agreement Attached to the Sino-Japanese Treaty. Director of the Treaty Purmu of the Foreign Ministry, ANDO, answered that, although Chinese relief methods were defective, he would have her devise suitable methods.

Committee-member MIN.MI (Hiroshi) asked various questions: (1) to the question of what was the relationship between the military administration and Purmess inderendence, Prime Minister TOJC stated that first of all the military administration should be abelished on august 1, and then independence should be declared. (2) To the cuestion of whether of not the independence of Purms would prove an obstacle to execution of our military operations, Frime Minister TOJC stated that there would be no obstacle for not only was Burma promising us military cooperation by treaty, but he expected her absolute cooperation with us. (3) To the cuestion of whether there was need to conclude a special convention between both countries since the inderendence of Purms would positively r cuiro Japaneso protection and guidance, Prime Minister TOJO stated that the treaty provisions would be on an equal basis, and that, if necessary, protection and guidance would be furnished as a do facto step (4) To his request for the opinion of or by application to Article 3. the authorities as to the future form of government in Burma, Prime Minister TOJO stated that it would be better to have the people at their leisure decide it as they please, on assumption and within the limit of their cooperation with Japan. (5) To the cuestion concerning title to the "Shan State", Prime Minister TOJO stated that in order to have Thailand and Purms cooperate in the war with us, he would have them cherish hope for the future. For this purpose, he said, consideration should be given to cossion of a part of "shan" to the other country /T.N. Thailand and return of the rost to Purma in the future. (6) In connection with the Sino-Jayanese treaty, to the cuestion of why Chine was hestily regaining t right of taxation while her tax system was not in order, Minister of Or ater East Asia, AOKI, stated that we had first of all made an agreemont on matters relative to the right of taxation in order to abolish extraterritoriality gradually. Prime Minister TOJO stated that the haste in concluding this treaty arose from diplomatic considerations.

(Recess: 12:40 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.)

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(7) To the cuestion of when the subjects of Japan would be affected by the Chinese taxation laws, Minister of Greater East asia, ACKI, replied that although the Treaty would be enforced on August 1st, it would be a little later than that because the laws applicable to Japanese: subjects required consultation between both countries and public announcement in the Official Cazette.

Committee-member NARA asked a question about the present condition of the "Purma Pead" and Frime Minister TOJO answered it.

Committee-member SUGAWARA asked about the time for recognition of Purma's independence and about the tax system of China. Foreign Minister SFIGENITSU and Minister of Greater East Asia, AOKI, gave explanations respectively.

Committee-mamber USHIC asked about the future of the settlement corporations, whose incomes would fall off sharply in consequence of transfer of the taxation right. Minister of Greater East Asia, ACKI, replied that although the settlement corporations would remain as before and continue such public enterprises as education, etc., until extraterritoriality was completely abolished, part of their work should be transferred to other organs so that they can cut down expenses.

Committee-member FUKAI asked about the currency problem in Burma and Minister of Greater East Asia, AOKI, replied that he was confident that the currency would be handled most satisfactorily.

Committee-member FUTAKAMI asked about (1) the present status of Burma and (2) whother or not it was necessary to have Par. 2 of Article 1 of the Sino Myanesa Treaty provide for not only demostic treatment but also for the most-favoured nation treatment. These were respectively answered: (1) by Irime Minister TOJO and Minister of Greater East Asia, ACKI, to the effect that the present position of Purma is under the administrative authority of the occupation zone, i.e., under our military administration, and that the Chief Administrator, PA-MAW, was nothing more than a part of the structure of that military administration; and (2) by ANDO chief of the Treaty Bureau of the Foreign Ministry, to the effect that leaving this as "demostic treatment", amounted to "most-favored-nation treatment" — in other words, he did not go so far as to make this specific, due to the desired aim that China should not confer "most-favored-nation-treatment" upon any other third nation.

Committee-member MINANT (Jiro) asked if it would not be better to make the area east of the SALWEEN River the part of the Shan Province to be returned to Thailand. Frime Minister TOJO replied that since native principalities embraced both sides of the SALWEEN River, in order to avoid partitioning them, he would consider making two provinces, KENTON and MONPAN 'T.N. Both namestranscribed phonotically' of the Shan Province part of Thailand and on a good opportunity in the future, making the rest part of Rurma.

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Committee-member MOTOJI asked about understandings given in connection with the Sino-Jepanese Treaty and Minister of Greater East Asia, AOKI, made an explanation.

Next, Chairman SUZUKI, threw open for discussion a special matter concerning the official rank, etc., of TOKYO Prefectual secretaries appointed from among those who had been muncipal officials of Tokyo. Home Minister ANDO, gave a general explanation of it.

Committee-member FUKAI asked about the application of the nomination system to the election of members of the Profectural Assembly: Home Minister ANDO replied that this would be consistent with the same principle as in the case of Local Assemblies.

Committee-member FUTAKAMI asked about the meaning of Par. 2, Article 1 of the Imperial Ordinance for the original bill. The Director of the Bureau of Legislation, MDRIYAMA, replied that since premotion of official ranks in Par. 1 of the said Article covered the appointment of CHOKUNIN officials, / Faragraph 2/ stipulates that the regulations pertinent to qualification for civil service appointment are not to be excluded -- in other words, acceptability must be determined by the Selection Committee for CUOKUNIN Officials.

Committee-member USHIO asked if when a vacancy occurred among the three whose official ranks would be raised at the time of enforcement of this bill, steps would not be taken under this bill to raise official ranks a further time. Home Minister ANDO replied that though there were 17 officials to whom the first paragraph of Article I was applicable, if the official ranks of three of them were raised, it would suffice; and that he had no intention of extending its application.

Then, Chairman SUZUKI judged that there were no more cuestions, and recuested the Ministers and exponents to retire.

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'As a result of consultation thereafter among the committee-members, it was unanimously decided that the four matters of the said bill should be approved without modification, and the drawing-up of the investigation report was entrusted solely to the Chairman of the Committee.

Then, Chairman SUZUKI declared the session closed.

(The session was closed at 3:50 p.m.

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Witness: /s/ T. Suzuki

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/s/ Richard H. Iarsh Name

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